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PRODUCTION, ACIDIC PROTEIN FOODS
EMPLOYING THEM, AND PROCESS FOR
THEIR PRODUCTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This preliminary amendment relates to the above-reference patent application.

Please enter the following amendment without prejudice:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 of
the specification:

- - As mentioned above, production of pectins from
35 tubers and corms has long been the subject of study as a
research topic. However, in terms of its function as a gelling
agent for jams and the like that has been examined as its major

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